

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held June 30, 2009; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Robert Miner, Norman Blank, James Sousa, Brian Remy, Anthony Primiano, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Scott Little and Matthew Primiano.

Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, with second by N. Blank, to accept as submitted. Motion unanimously passed.

Correspondence:

- „« Individual companies' correspondence distributed.
- „« July 4th info given to B. Remy for B. Guertin.
- „« New insurance cards distributed.

Old Business:

- „« Firemen's Memorial Sunday ÷ Chief stated route change not intended to offend anyone. E-1 was against change; E-5 was 50/50. All others okay.
- „« Incident Reports ÷ Chief would like to have them as soon as possible after each incident.

New Business:

- „« Updated membership lists distributed, with request for any

corrections to be submitted to Chief's office.

„« Updated Emergency Access Box listing distributed. Chief wants to have dispatch put this information in the computer.

„« July 4th Band details iV Matt Primiano taking one; still need another person.

Bonfires, July 3rd iV E-2 at German Club; E-3 at Laurel Park; E-4 to relocated to Sta. 6.

„« Quahog Festival July 18 & 19 iV Rescue details have been posted.

„« Has been two years since the air packs were tested; scheduled to be done July 14 & 15.

„« Ladder testing (ground) will need to be done in August or September.

„« Pump testing iV J. Sousa still looking into having Mobile Fire Apparatus complete; Greenwood cost is too high.

Station Reports:

„« Sta. 3 iV N. Blank has quote of \$4,750 for 10kw natural gas generator. Price includes delivery and installation. With Nick Massed doing the electric work, cost will exceed \$5,000; Chief will need to go out to bid. N. Blank will have specs drawn up. Chief will have John Massed take care of oil tank.

„« Chief will get Sexual Harassment Policy acknowledgement from rescue officers.

„« Sta. 6 iV There will be no meeting this Friday, July 3rd. Chimney raised; apron to be ripped out (Chief does not want total ramp done yet); kitchen has been gutted; fire alarm wiring run; sprinkler system

to be started next week; PlymoVent system being looked into; trim and windows to be done this week, followed by wood shingle siding.

Training:

„« Burn house ¡V We have few places to train now. N. Blank suggested looking at Wood St.; problem is Wood St. is in a flood zone. Chief said there are few grants for concrete buildings. It will need a second hydrant for water supply. By 2012 you will be required to have a water recovery system. Chief also suggested putting in a pump test pit (10-15,000 underground tank). Chief should be getting a proposal in the near future. He will contact Union Fire District chief to discuss a facility, for which we will need to float a bond. J. Sousa asked if we could open an account and begin having fundraisers for this.

„« FF I ¡V Chief spoke with Tom McKenna about getting an instructor coordinator. Chief needs list of probationary members who will need to take the class, which he is trying to start in September.

„« EMT-B class ¡V Chief wants to know how many are interested. Less than 10 people, Chief will send to Bristol instead of offering it in-house.

„« Mayday class ¡V Chief will send memo to Chief Gordon to schedule a time for police and dispatchers to take a class. September or later, Chief wants to hold Mayday classes on either weekly or monthly basis on Tuesday/Thursday nights. N. Blank will have Training Division add this to schedules.

„« Fire Prevention Week ¡V J. Sousa suggested conducting another

tanker drill, since we should have two new tankers by then. Bristol has requested participation.

„« Foam drill scheduled for July 16th.

„« Marine training scheduled for July 11th.

Other:

„« Only two scholarship applications received. This year we will begin requesting a statement as to how they plan to use the funds.

„« Chief has a color-coded plat map of St. Casimer's Condos. Street names are Child and Asselin. Copies will be made for stations.

„« Bill H-5056 as amended passed the House. This would permit municipalities to no longer pay hydrant rental fees if they have an ordinance in effect. N. Blank made motion to support, seconded by R. Miner. All in favor except A. Primiano.

„« Chief stated bathrooms will be opened up for the Training Room.

There being no further business to discuss, J. Sousa made motion, with second by N. Blank, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.